

arts calendar JANUARY 2017

For what it's worth . . .

We have made the conversion to Facebook and former arts2go submitters are now posting events/activities to our new Facebook page. Let us know, via email/phone/posts to our Facebook page, how you find the new experience. Is it a move in the right direction, does it make your search for meaningful arts activities in Middletown easier? Comments and feedback are most welcome. We appreciate your input. Remember to check us out at facebook.com/CityArtsOffice, it's really that simple. ☺

We are continuing our monthly printed Arts Calendar and getting it out to all who have grown attached to it, expect it in your mail or, find it at your favorite venue in town. And, for those of you who receive it via our email list, you will continue to receive it. It is also posted to our City's website for viewing/printing.

The National Arts Program, for the encouragement and development of artistic talent, is once again presenting an Annual Exhibit and Awards of the program for Greater Hartford and Middlesex County residents. CRT (Community Renewal Team) is a co-sponsor for the region along with Capital Community College. The registration must be concluded by January 9 to be considered. There are cash awards available. Full details and online registration can be found at nationalartsprogram.org/venues/hartford or by contacting Nancy Shapiro at 860.560.5471 or nancys@crctc.org. I have a copy of the rules/regulations/registration form at the City Arts Office, also. The exhibit is free and open to the public at Capital Community College, 950 Main St., Hartford from 1/19 - 2/4.

Are you an artist/arts organization/business who is interested in our grants program? There are new guidelines and there is an upcoming deadline of January 15 for submissions in all the categories: Cat. 1 for General Operating Support-GOS; and for projects, Cat. 2 (amounts \$1,501 up to \$8,000) and Cat. 3 (amounts up to \$1,500). All necessary materials are to be found on our website: middletownct.gov/arts. You'll be able to download and/or print forms and, *beginning this session you will be able to submit your application electronically*. Details are on the website.

We now have Kids Arts 2017 Counselor Application forms online.

The Commissioners and staff of the City Arts & Culture Office sincerely hope you will have an adventurous and positive new year, led by your passion for the Arts.

As always . . .

Thank you for supporting - and participating in - the arts!


Stephan Allison, Coordinator

Editor's note: if you have something you think may be of interest to our readers, send me an email at arts@middletownct.gov and we can discuss a guest submission to this column. Thanks.

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Middletown Presenters

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Art Guild of Middletown P.O. Box 205 Eva Dykas, Pres. 860.508.4852	
Broad Street Books 45 Broad Street Mon-Fri 9a-6p; Sat & Sun 9a-5p 860.685.7323	
The Buttonwood Tree • North End Arts Rising, Inc. 605 Main Street, P.O. Box 71 860.347.4957 Call or check the website for hours of operation www.buttonwood.org • thebuttonwoodtree@gmail.com	
CT Gilbert & Sullivan Society P.O. Box 294, Moodus 06469 860-554-1256 cg.ss@snet.net • www.ctgands.org	
CT Heritage Productions Teresa Langston, 152 Nejako Drive 860.398.9247	
GMChorale (The Greater Middletown Chorale) P.O. Box 527 • www.gmchorale.org • info@gmchorale.org 860-316-4854	
Greater Middletown Concert Assoc. P.O. Box 2622 • www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org 860.347.4887	
Green Street Teaching & Learning Center 51 Green Street 860.685.7871 gsac@wesleyan.edu • www.wesleyan.edu/greenstreet	
Klekolo World Coffee 181 Court Street Mon-Fri 7a-1a; Sat, Sun 8a-1a 860.343.9444	
Local 400, Amer. Federation of Musicians Candace Lammers, Secretary 860.563.1606	
MAC650 650 Main Street 860.343.1516	
Middletown Public Schools Cultural Council c/o Middletown Bd of Education, 311 Hunting Hill Avenue 860.638.1419	
Middletown Stage Company Performing Arts Center @MHS, 200 LaRosa Lane • middletownstagecompany.org	
Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater 128 Washington St • Mon-Fri 10a-5p • www.oddfellows.org • 860.347.6143	
Russell Library 123 Broad St., • Mon-Thur 9a-8:30p; Fri 9a-6p; Sat 9a-5p 860.347.2528	
Sweet Harmony Café & Bakery 330 Main St., • www.sweetharmonycafeandbakery.us/ 860.344.9646	
Valley Shore Chorus 424 Main Street • www.vinniesjumpandjive.com 860.346.2674	
Vinnie's Jump & Jive Dance Hall & Art Gallery 424 Main Street • www.vinniesjumpandjive.com 860.347.6971 x3777	
Wesleyan Potters 350 South Main St. Gallery Hrs: Wed-Sat 10a-5p, Sun 12-4p 860.347.5925	
Wesleyan University Galleries Tues-Sun noon-4 p; closed Monday Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery, Washington Terrace 860.685.2500 Davison Art Center, 301 High Street	
Mansfield Freeman Center for East Asian Studies (hrs: Tues-Fri noon-4 p) 343 Washington Terrace 860.685.2330	
Wesleyan University Crowell Concert Hall, World Music Hall - Wyllys Avenue Center for the Arts, Washington Terrace	
Box Office: 860.685.3355 Russell House, 350 High Street 860.685.2280	
Wesleyan Writing Program/Writers Conference Anne Greene, Director 860.685.3604 agreene@wesleyan.edu • www.wesleyan.edu/writers	

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR NEXT CALENDAR: 10th of the month preceding publication. **EVENTS LISTINGS (Arts On View, Just For Kids, Listings) will now be entered on our Facebook page.** All other information may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the Commission. For additional info., call 860.638.4510

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Arts On View

Adath Israel Judaica Museum 48 Old Church Street 860.346.4709 Hrs: Mon-Tues 9-3p, Wed. 9-6p, Thur. 9-3p, Fri. 9-12p. Call for a guided tour.	
Art Guild of Middletown Post Office Box 205 860.508.4852 Members' Art Exhibit, Portland Library, 20 Freestone Ave. 1/7-1/28. See Listings inside this calendar for demonstration & workshop details.	
Broad Street Books 45 Broad Street 860.685.7323 Hrs: M-Fri 8a-8p; Sat/Sun 9a-5p • www.wes.bkstr.com	
*The Buttonwood Tree 605 Main Street 860.347.4957 Bookstore: Call for hours or check www.buttonwood.org for performance/event hrs.	
*Green Street Teaching & Learning Center 51 Green St. 860.685.7871 Hrs: 9a-3p, M-F	
ION Restaurant 606 Main Street 860.346.9210 Call or visit www.ionrestaurant.com for hrs. • local artists' works displayed	
Kidcity Children's Museum 119 Washington Street 860.347.0495	
Klekolo World Coffee 181 Court Street 860.343.9444 Hrs: Fri/Sat 7a-midnight; Sun-Thu 7a-7p	
La Boca Mexican Restaurant & Cantina 337 Main Street 860.347.4777	
*MAC 650 Gallery 650 Main Street 860.343.1516 Hosting figure drawing sessions every 2nd Thurs. from 7 to 10p - 18 and over, \$10. Any questions: call Marc - 860.759.8499.	
Middlesex Community College 100 Training Hill Road 860.343.5806 Pegasus Gallery, Chapman Hall. Hrs: M-Th 8a-8p, F 8a-4p. The Niche, Founders Hall; hrs: M-Th 8a-7p, F 8a-4p. <i>Material/Immaterial - Recent Work by Julia Coash</i> exhibition, 1/11-2/23.	
Middlesex County Historical Society 151 Main Street 860.346.0746 Gen. Mansfield House-Hrs. Mon-Thu 10a-3p; Sat. 10a-2p • Docent Program - call for details • <i>A Vanished Port: Middletown & the Caribbean, 1750-1824.</i>	
*Middletown Framing 502 Main Street 860.347.0064 Hrs. M-F 10a-6p, Sat 10a-3p or by appt.	
Municipal Bldg./City Hall 245 deKoven Drive 860.638.4510 Hrs: M-F 8:30a-4:30p City Art Collection • 2016 MCAAAA: Madison Geores	
New England Emporium 386 Main Street 860.346.1200 Hrs: Daily 7a-9p • www.newenglandemporium.com • New art display each month	
Painters Touch 806 Millbrook Road 860.344.9670	
Russell Library 123 Broad Street 860.347.2528 Hrs: M&F 10a-6p; T&Th 10a-8p; Wed 1-8p; Sat 10a-2p; Sun 1p-4p (Oct-Mar). Paintings by Isabel Espinoza, 1/3-1/31; <i>Peacocks!</i> collection of Jane & Ken Peacock, 1/7-1/31.	
Ursel's Web 140 Washington Street 860.344.0041 Hrs: Tue-Fri 10a-6p; Sat 10a-5p • New works from local artists.	
Wesleyan Potters Gallery/Shop 350 South Main Street 860.344.0039 Hrs: M&T by appt.; W/F/Sat 10a-5p; Th 10a-6p; Sun noon-4p	
Wesleyan University 860.685.3355 Davison Art Center, 301 High St.-Hrs. Tue-Sun 12-4p • Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery-Hrs: Tue-Sun 12-5p <i>Clarissa Tossin-Stereoscopic Vision</i> , 1/31-3/5 • Mansfield Freeman Ctr. for East Asian Studies Gallery Hrs: Tue-Sun 12-4p • Zelnick Pavilion (217 High St.); 9a-10p • Olin Library, 1st Fl. East, Church St.-Hrs: M-Fri 9a-5p. Ongoing: Book Sale-public welcome; Student Artwork.	

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Staff: Stephan Allison, Coordinator
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email Opps listings to: arts@middletownct.gov
Mayor: Daniel T. Drew **Commission:** Lee Godburn (*Chair*), Franca Biales (*Vice-Chair*), Julia Faraci (*Secretary*), Barbara Arafeh, Cassandra Day, Jay Hoggard, Joyce Kirkpatrick, Charlotte McCoid **Council Members:** Robert P. Santangelo, Sebastian Giuliano, *Poet Laureate:* Susan Allison *Student Representatives:*



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Opportunities . . .

191914 Ministries, Inc - 44 Green Street
cocomo.191914@gmail.com • Free workshop in Emerging Artist Development Series (EADS) & Dream Capture Group. Call 860.770.9721
AmericanTowns -
Create a press release to send news to media. americantowns.com or jim@americantowns.com
Art Guild of Middletown - P.O. Box 205
See *Listings* for this month's special events. The Guild collects & recycles old art books & magazines
• Interested in exhibiting, call Emily Newton, 860.349.3751 • Info: www.middletownartguild.org • Demos, workshops, classes meet at Woodside Intermediate School, 30 Woodside Road, Cromwell. Contact: Eva Dykas, Pres., evagydkas@gmail.com..... 860.508.4852
ARTFARM
Touring shows available: *Woman's Will & Circus for a Fragile Planet*. Contact Marcella Trowbridge/Dic Wheeler for info info@art-farm.org or 860.346.4390
Artists for World Peace (AFWP)
A non-profit organization creating opportunities for artistic expression that fosters world peace and raises funds to benefit humanitarian causes. www.artistsforworldpeace.org . 860.301.9757 or 860.685.1789
Arts Stakeholders Group (ASG)
Open to any interested and invested arts stakeholder in the community. Networking/occasional potluck meetings. Interested? Like to sign up? Contact arts@middletownct.gov
The Buttonwood Tree (North End Arts Rising, Inc.)
Mon-10:30-11:30a Hearing Voices Network • 7:45p: Moments of Gratitude, 8p: Anything Goes! Open Mic • 1st and 3rd Tues 6 pm: Laughter Yoga • 1st Thu-7-9p: Bob Gotta's Acoustic Open Mic • 4th Thu: 7-9p Drum Circle • Sat-10:30-noon: Aligned with Source workshop. Call 860.347.4957
Community Foundation of Middlesex County
Watch listings for upcoming free workshops for non-profit staff and volunteers to help build their capacity. Call..... 860.347.0025
CT Gilbert & Sullivan - P.O. Box 294, Moodus 06469
Visit www.ctgands.org or call 860-554-1256
CT Heritage Productions - 152 Nejako Drive
Teresa Langston, telangston@chproductions.org..... 860.398.9247
Connecticut Poetry Society
The Middletown Chapter meets the last Wednesday ea. month in Meeting Room 3, Russell Library at 6p. RSVP to Pamela atpamela.cps@hotmail.com or 860.563.5761
Connecticut Woodcarvers Association
CT Forest & Park Bldg, Route 66 • New carvers & families w/children ages 10+ are welcome. ctwoodcarver@gmail.com • www.ctwoodcarvers.org.
Dance Outfitters - 386 Main Street (Main Street Market)
www.dance-outfitters.com 860.638.0086
Friends of the Davison Art Center (FDAC) - Alsop House, 301 High Street
Info: fdac@wesleyan.edu or http://fdac.wesleyan.edu/ 860.685.2500
GMChorale (Greater Middletown Chorale)
GMChorale rehearses at Cromwell's Bethany Lutheran Church, just off I-91 and Rt. 9. To schedule an audition, please contact Margie Livengood - (860) 633-6198 or margielivengood@aol.com. Check the website for upcoming activities • www.gmchorale.org
Greater Middletown Concert Assoc.
www.greatermiddletownconcerts.org or call..... 860.347.4887 or 860.346.3369
Green Street Teaching & Learning Center
Private lessons-registration open for kids and adults.
For info, www.wesleyan.edu/greenstreet or call 860.685.7871
La Boca Mexican Restaurant & Cantina - 337 Main Street
Open invitation for artists to exhibit. 860.347.4777
Literacy Volunteers of Central Connecticut
Seeking volunteers to teach Basic Reading and ESL..... 860.229.7323
Mattabesett Canoe Club at Harbor Park - 80 Harbor Drive
For info on latest happenings, call 860.347.9999
Meditation in Middletown - 91 Beverly Heights
Mon. & Thurs.-7p, Sat.-noon. Meditation at the Starr Mill waterfall. Free & open to the public. Presented by Bob Vinci. www.themeditationman.org..... 860.685.8716
Mezzo Grille - 106 Court Street. For info on latest happenings, call 860.346.6000
Middlesex County Historical Society
A Vanished Port: Middletown & the Caribbean, 1750-1824. 860.346.0746
Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords - *if you love to sing...*
Rehearsals resume 1/17 at 6:45p, Fox Parish Center (St. Francis Assisi Church). New members accepted until 1/31. Gina Fredericks, musical director - Joyce Ghent, founder/chair. Visit www.vocalchords20.org or call 860.342.3120, mention "Vocal Chords"
Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education (MILE) - MxCC, 100 Training Hill Road
Offering many arts-related programs, membership required.
Info, contact MILE at www.mileonline.org 860.343.5863
Middlesex Music Academy - 440 Main Street
Lessons in guitar, drums, bass, woodwinds, brass, voice, piano & violin. All ages & levels welcome. 860.344.0525
Middletown Adult Education - 398 Main Street
Classes available in art, dance, yoga, music lessons, photography, crafts, zumba.
www.maect.org..... 860.343.6044
Middletown Art Academy 504 Main Street-Suite South-3
Visual art instruction for all ages. www.middletownartacademy.com 860.344.0554
Middletown Artists Coop (MAC) • **MAC650 Artspace** - 650 Main Street
Hosting figure drawing sessions every 2nd Thurs. 7 to 10p - 18+, \$10. Call Marc - 860.759.8499.
Info on exhibiting/space use contact mac650gallery@gmail.com
Resident artists live in affordable housing & provide arts community service for local groups. 1 & 2 bedroom units available w/studio space. www.mac650.com 860.347.0834
Middletown Commission on the Arts (MCA)
Grant application deadline - Jan. 15 for all categories - visit online or at the office.
Rm. B-11, Municipal Bldg., 245 deKoven Drive. Visit us on Facebook.com/CityArtsOffice, www.middletownct.gov/arts, or call 860.638.4510
Middletown Framing - 502 Main Street
For deals/special sales email dmitri@middletownframing.com 860.347.0064
Middletown Scottish Country Dancers 860.347.0278
Classes for beginners/experienced dancers. Partners not necessary. Wear soft-soled shoes. Every Wednesday, 7-9:30p, Sept - June 8, Held at First Church, 190 Court St.

Opportunities . . .

Middletown Symphonic Band
Meets Thurs., 7p at Middletown HS. Wind instrumentalists/percussionists welcome. No audition/dues. www.middletownsymphonicband.org or middletownsymphonicband@yahoo.com
Middletuners, The Senior Chorus of Middletown *Do you love the "old" songs?*
Join the rehearsals every Tues. 2-4 pm. Call Barbara Arafeh 860.347.4887
Oddfellows Playhouse
Visit www.oddfellows.org 860.347.6143
Painters Touch - 806 Millbrook Road
Jackie Peterson originals/prints. Call for appt. or look for "open" sign outside. View displays of various artworks. 860.344.9670
Paradise Lost
Egress Films offers John Milton's Paradise Lost as performed by John Basinger captured on film by Andreas Burgess. 4 DVD set includes all 12 books plus special features. To view or obtain your copy, visit www.paradiselostperformances.com
Piano Lessons
Experienced teacher. Ages 6 and up, all levels welcome. Contact: Carolyn Halsted, 860-343-0677
Russell Library
Friends of the Russell Library sponsor monthly book sales • Russell Readers: all welcome, 2nd Tue-7p • Interested in displaying your work or a collection at the Library? Call 860.347.2528x135 • Descriptive videos available for visually impaired, call 860.347.2520 • CT Museums passes available • GrantStation: Online Grant Sources..... 860.347.2528
Senior Center Programs for Seniors 60+ 61 Durant Terrace
Yoga, Exercise, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Oil Painting, more - Reg. req'd., call 860.638.4540
Stage Left Dance and Fitness Center - 100 Riverview Center, Suite 100
Classes available. Call Lorrie or Cindee Tine 860.346.6928
Valley Shore Sweet Adelines Chorus (women, 4 part harmony)
New members welcome. Tue 7:15p, Open Door Missionary Baptist Church, High St. Call..... 203.379.0650
Vinnie's Jump & Jive Community Dance Hall
Alcohol/smoke free • Classes in breakdancing, ballroom, hooping, bellydancing, jazz, tap, salsa, country line dance, swing, and blues. Special dance events for everyone ea. mo. vinniesjump-andjive.com.....860.347.6971 x3777
Wadsworth Mansion at Long Hill Estate - 421 Wadsworth Street
Tours Wed-2-4p, call to confirm. Mansion trails open daily. Call 860.347.1064
Wesleyan Institute for Lifelong Learning (WILL)
Offering short courses reflecting interests/needs of our community taught by retired/current WU faculty, others. Classes conveniently scheduled in afternoon and early evening. Call 860.685.3355
Wesleyan Potters
Pottery, jewelry, weaving & basketry classes for children & adults. Call..... 860.347.5925
Yoga in Middletown - 438 Main Street
yogainmiddletown.com • Many weekly classes for all levels from Beginners through Advanced • Iyengar Back Care, Restorative, Yoga Ropes • Since 1991. 860.347.YOGA (9642)
Yoga Possibilities - 99 Beverly Heights
Ongoing classes Thursdays @ 5:30p 860.670.4880

Out of Town Opportunities - Call the Arts Office for a complete listing

Americans for the Arts 202.371.2830
Visit Americans for the Arts Job Bank-a free link to jobs in the arts: jobbank.artsusa.org/
Find Federal grantmaking agencies on-line & apply at www.arts.gov/grants
Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA)..... 860.256.2800
For info go to http://www.cultureandtourism.org/
Artist Fellowship
Grants for Professional Fine Artists (national) & their families in times of emergency, disability or bereavement - Ongoing. Email info@artistsfellowship.org or visit artistsfellowship.org/index.html
East Haddam Historical Society and Museum..... 860.873.3944
Explore 9 rooms of CT River Valley history; William Gillette Exhibit; Heinz Warneke, sculptor.

Just For Kids

Visit our Facebook pages for more.

The Buttonwood Tree (TBT) 860.347.4957
Community Health Center (CHC) 860.347.6971 x5172
Family Wellness Center programs (all ages). Reg. req'd. Call Anna Rogers, FWC Supervisor.
Edu Designs 626.940.4768
Art Presentations for schools/classrooms, presented by Emmy Award winning animator and author Ruth Elliott. Contact Ruth at director@edudesigns.org or call her. www.edudesigns.org
Green Street Teaching & Learning Center (GSTLC) 860.685.7871
Call for info or visit www.wesleyan.edu/greenstreet
Kidcity Children's Museum 860.347.0495
119 Washington St., "Hands on" for 6mo-8yrs w/adults. Hrs: Sun-Tue, 11a-5p; Wed-Sat, 9a-5p.
Middletown Adult Education 860.343.6044
Even Start Program/Family Learning Program-call for info
Middletown Art Academy 860.344.0554
504 Main St.-Suite South-3. Arts instruction for all ages. www.middletownartacademy.com
Middletown Commission on the Arts..... 860.638.4510
Visit our Facebook page for childrens/teen activities listings.
North End Action Team (NEAT) 860.346.4845
NEATNotes, capella choir & the Da Vinci Group, videography projects. For kids 8-14 residing in the North End. Call NEAT if interested in joining.
Oddfellows Playhouse (OP) 860.347.6143
Visit www.oddfellows.org to learn more of their offerings and/or register.
Russell Library (Children's Dept) 860.347.8479
www.russelllibrary.org • Passes available for museums in CT • Call/go online for the complete schedule/to register for programs or visit arts2go.org under events-childrens/teen activities.
Vinnie's Jump & Jive 860.347.6971 x3777
Classes available for kids ages 5-14, toddler and pre-school • Reg. req'd. Call for info.
Wesleyan University Youth Gamelan Ensemble 860.685.3355
Registration required. Call for info.

Listings: JANUARY 2017 . . . Visit Facebook for event details . . .

Sun 1 New Year's Day Open House

1p Docent tours, music by Horizon Blue (acoustic Americana), carriage rides, refreshments til 4p. *Wadsworth Mansion, Long Hill Estate (WM-LHE)*

Music

11a *Lonesome Dave*, Dave Downs acoustic guitar/vocals, first Sundays monthly (also the last Sunday of each month - 1/29). *BrewBakers Café-North End (BBC-NE), 506 Main St.*

Mon 2 Open Mic

7p Anything Goes Open Mic/Moments of Gratitude, sign ups start 6:30p, every Monday in January. *The Buttonwood Tree (TBT)*

Tue 3 Music

7p Cameron Sutphin, beyond folk Americana. *Klekolo World Coffee (KWC), 181 Court St.*

Wed 4 Jack n' Jill Open Mic

7:30p A monthly 1st Wednesday open mic hosted by Lonesome Dave. *2nd Fl. Lounge, Mezzo Grille, 106 Court St.*

Thu 5 Veterans' Writing Group

7p *We Were There: Writing Your Military Experiences*, led by Elisabeth Petry (also 12/8, 15). *Meeting Room 2 (MR2), Russell Library (RL)*

Bob Gotta's Open Mic

7p Happening every 1st Thursday, sign-ups begin at 6:30p. *TBT*

Fri 6 Storytelling

8p *Story City Troupe*, based in Hartford, using The Moth Formula. *TBT*

Sat 7 Artists Reception

2p The Annual Art Exhibit of the Art Guild of Middletown, held at the *Portland Public Library, 20 Freestone Ave.* through 1/28.

Music

8p *Bop Tweed*, jazz/blues quartet. *TBT*

8p *Wesleyan University Orchestra* present their Winter Concert. *CCH, WU*

Sun 8 Paradise Lost Book 1 Live Reading Performance

3p John Basinger reprises his storied rendition of Milton's *Paradise Lost*. *TBT*

Tue 10 Music

7p Bruce Gregori, solo guitar master. *KWC*

Wed 11 North End Appreciation Day

6p North End Action Team provides free food, games, raffles at La Boca Mexican Restaurant, in appreciation of the North End community. *La Boca, 337 Main St.*

Film

6:30p *Sherlock: A Study in Pink* starring Benedict Cumberbatch & Martin Freeman, ages 14+. *Hubbard Room (HR), RL*

Thu 12 Monotype Demonstration

7p A demonstration of monotype printmaking by Nancy Witcher presented by the Art Guild of Middletown. *Woodside Intermediate School (WIS), 30 Woodside Rd., Cromwell*

Fri 13 Music

8p *Tiny Oceans & Murderous Chanteuse: Little Girls with Big Mouths*, an interesting mix of sounds by two bands. *TBT*

Sat 14 Music

8p *Seat of Our Pants (SOOP)*, contemporary acoustic folk band. *TBT*

Tue 17 Music

7p Jaclyn Jones, classical guitar. *KWC*

Crystal Bowl Sound Healing

7:45p Hosted by Lou Sorrentino. *TBT*

Thu 19 Shaking the Tree Gong & Sound Meditation

7p Hosted by The Buttonwood Tree and Andrew, bring mat/blanket/zero-gravity chair. *MAC650 Gallery, 650 Main St.*

Comedy

8p Mark Normand headlines along with 2 more comedians. *TBT*

Fri 20 Poet's Corner

1p *Susan Allison* - Middletown Poet Laureate, is in "your corner" to talk poetry in the information area, 2nd floor of the Russell Library. *RL*

Theater

8p *The Free at Last Players*, skits, poems and songs that present an inside perspective on "mental illness". *TBT*

Sat 21 Music

8p *Warren Byrd & Saskia Laroo*, pure organic jazz. *TBT*

Tue 24 Artist Reception

5p A reception for Julia Coash, whose abstract paintings and drawings *Material/Immateral* are on display in the Pegasus Gallery through 2/23. *MxCC, Chapman Hall, 100 Training Hill Rd.*

Music

7p *ROPE!* - old school rockers - return for a stripped down acoustic performance. *KWC*

Lecture

7p Brenda Milkofsky speaks on the history of shipbuilding in the lower Connecticut River Valley in the 18th & 19th centuries. A featured presentation of *A Vanished Port: Middletown and the Caribbean 1750-1824* exhibit of the Middlesex County Historical Society. *HR, RL*

Wed 25 Poetry

6p Connecticut Poetry Society Middletown Chapter monthly meeting. *MR3, RL*
MCA Monthly Meeting

7p Public session at 7p, *Room 208, Municipal Building, 245 deKoven Drive*

Thu 26 Poetry

10a Poet laureate office hours, until 2p, with *Susan Allison*. Bring poems, questions, ideas . . . *BBC-NE*

Theater

7p Oddfellows Teen Company presents William Shakespeare's final play, *The Tempest*, telling the story of a shipwreck gone awry as a sorceress and her daughter pull a group of royal Italian castaways to a magical island. (also 1/27 @7p, 1/28 @2p, 2/2 & 2/3 @7p, 2/4 @2p). *Oddfellows Playhouse (OP)*

Drum Circle

7p *Middlesex Drum Circle*, percusses monthly. *TBT*

Fri 27 Music

8p *JAZZ: The Music of Our Lifetime!*, featuring the Carl Bartlett, Jr. Duet, saxophone & piano, and an audience Q&A. *TBT*

9p *Hidden Volumes*, where Paula Matthusen and Terri Hron explore and remember space through magnetic, transferred traces. They improvise on a series of recordings originally made in a dark Roman aqueduct. *Olin Library (OL), 252 Church St., Wesleyan University (WU)*

Sat 28 Social Art Workshop

4:30p Celebration of the Chinese New Year, a Rooster year. Step-by-step instruction w/local artists, non-toxic paints and everything you need along with complimentary organic tea and snacks. For adults. Bring your own bottle (wine or beverage). *Middletown Art Academy (MAA), 508 Main St., 3rd fl.*

Music

8p *Moto* features new soca music from Trinidad, traditional roots reggae and creative interpretations of rock, R&B and soul music with elements of jazz, salsa, and afrobeat. They are a quintet of vocals (Roger Lum You, Trinidad native), keyboards (Brian Dring, Montreal native), bass guitar (Dave LaPorte), guitar (Salvatore d'Alessandro), percussion (Paul Bozzi). *TBT*

Sun 29 Music

11a *Lonesome Dave*, Dave Downs acoustic guitar/vocals, first/last Sundays monthly. *BBC-NE*

3p Jess Best, singer-songwriter based in Manhattan performs original soul and jazz compositions influenced by Erykah Badu, Joni Mitchell, and wesperanza Spalding. She is accompanied by Connor Schultze/bass and Paul Bloom/piano. *Russell House (RH), 350 High St., WU*

Tue 31 Classic Mysteries Book Discussion

noon Bring your lunch if you like, a casual discussion even for those who have not read the book or seen the movie. This month the featured mystery is *A Study in Scarlet* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. It is the first Sherlock Holmes novel (1887). (*And for those who can't make the noon discussion, there is a discussion at 6:30p.*) *HR, RL*

Artist Reception

4:30p Opening reception for the artist Clarissa Tossin and her exhibition, *Stereoscopic Vision*, which is on view through 3/5. *Ezra & Cecile Zilkha Gallery (ZG), WU*

Music

7p Robert C. Fullerton, individualized interpretations of a self-taught musician with touches of jazz and the blues. *KWC*

For more information on the presenting organizations, refer to the outside page for addresses, phone nos., & hrs. of operation.